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POLAND-USSR TRADE TO INCREASE IN 1950

34-PERCENT INCREASE OVER 1949 -- Rzeczpospolita, No 29, 29 Jan 50

The combined Polish-USSR commodity exchange in 1950 will increase 34 per cent over 1949 in accordance with the Five-Year agreement, various credit agreements of previous years, and the tripartite agreement between Poland, the USSR, and Finland. Polish imports from the USSR in 1950 will be 1.5 times greater than in 1949.

The treaty provides for delivery by the USSR to Poland of the following basic textile raw materials: cotton and flax; metallurgical raw materials; iron, manganese and chrome ores, iron alloys, and nonferrous and precious metals; petroleum products; chemical fertilizers, and raw materials for the production of same; asbestos; and pharmaceuticals and other chemicals. Poland will also receive from the USSR in 1950 a considerable number of heavy trucks and passenger cars, tractors, and many modern farm machines and implements such as combines for grain and beets, potato planters and diggers, cultivators, large threshing machines, and seed-cleaning machines. Poland will receive basic machines and equipment as the result of the investment credit agreement. However, the trade agreement of 25 January 1950 includes, in addition to these, a large number of machine tools, pumps, machines, scientific and measuring apparatus, and ball bearings. The Soviet Union will also supply Poland with the following agricultural and consumers' goods: wheat, barley, groats, butter, various seeds, and rice.

The Polish exports to the Soviet Union in accordance with the signed pact will include coal, coke, rolled products; tubing for subway construction, and nonferrous metals; cotton, woolen and linen fabrics; locomotives, passenger cars, and freight cars; glass; paper; sugar, and other goods. An important export to the USSR consists of several score of large lathes for machining railroad car and locomotive wheel assemblies.

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GETS WHEAT FROM USSR -- Zwiaskowiec, No 8, 19 Feb 50

In accordance with the new 1950 Poland-USSR trade pact signed at the beginning of 1950, approximately 8,000 tons of wheat have been delivered by the Soviet Union to Poland. Wheat received from the USSR is sent to granaries and flour mills to supplement the reserves under state management.

POLAND TO SHIP COAL TO AUSTRIA -- Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, No 12, 11 Feb 50

Following price reductions of 95 and 65 cents per ton for Polish black coal and medium-grade coal, respectively, Austria concluded an agreement with Poland for shipment of 750,000 tons of coal.

Reportedly, Austria will save 500 million dollars between February and July 1950 as a result of these reductions, and Polish coal will be cheaper than Ruhr coal in Austria.

PURCHASES NORWEGIAN HERRINGS -- Slowo Katolickie, No 5, 11 Feb 50

Poland purchased 100,000 barrels of salted herrings from Norway, equivalent to 325,000 dollars.

POLISH TRADE DELEGATION IN MOSCOW -- Dziennik Polski, No 17, 18 Jan 50

The Polish Ambassador in Moscow, Naszkowski, gave a reception on the occasion of the arrival in Moscow of a Polish trade delegation. The delegation is headed by Engr Tadeusz Gede, Minister of Foreign Trade.

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